

House Resolution

No. 77

Introduced by Assembly Members Hertzberg and Baugh

August 14, 2000

House Resolution No. 77—Relative to commending the Honorable Keith Olberg.

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Keith Olberg, who has
2 represented the 34th Assembly District for the past six
3 years, has announced his retirement as an Assembly
4 Member and, upon this occasion, he is deserving of
5 highest commendations for his record of dedicated
6 service to his constituents and the State of California; and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Keith Olberg was
8 elected to the Assembly in November of 1994, and
9 re-elected in 1996 and 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, He represents the 34th Assembly District,
11 made up mostly of the high desert region of Inyo County,
12 northern San Bernardino County, and southeastern Kern
13 County, and the 30,000-square-mile district ranges from
14 the lowest point in the contiguous United States, Death
15 Valley, to the highest, Mount Whitney; and

16 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Olberg has proven a
17 vast knowledge of many of the more controversial issues
18 facing the California State Legislature today, and has
19 quickly risen to a leadership position in these debates; and

20 WHEREAS, He has spearheaded negotiations on the
21 major California water bond, Endangered Species Act,
22 and welfare reforms, as well as a comprehensive school

1 facilities construction reform package, and he serves on
2 the Assembly Revenue and Taxation, Banking and
3 Finance, and Elections, Reapportionment and
4 Constitutional Amendments Committees; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to his election to the California State
6 Assembly, Keith Olberg worked in the building industry
7 and has served on several economic development
8 committees and civic organizations, playing a lead role in
9 economic development activities in his community; and

10 WHEREAS, Having a long history of active leadership
11 in conservative politics, Mr. Olberg worked with the
12 United States Senate and House of Representatives, and
13 was a member of the Reagan and Bush Administrations,
14 managing governmental affairs for the Legal Services
15 Corporation in the United States Congress; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Olberg was born in Chicago, Illinois,
17 and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political
18 science from Bethel College in 1982 and a master's degree
19 in comparative politics in 1989 from the American
20 University, and he continued his education at the
21 Claremont Graduate School in California, earning a
22 Doctor of Philosophy degree in constitutional law and
23 political philosophy in 1993; and

24 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Olberg and his wife,
25 Lisa, have two children, Jordan and Lindy; and

26 WHEREAS, During his distinguished tenure with the
27 California State Legislature, he has personally authored
28 numerous bills that have been signed into law, and he has
29 also worked to enact hundreds of other measures by
30 coauthoring or assisting with negotiations and
31 compromises; and

32 WHEREAS, Through his professional, public, and
33 community activities, he has made a significant impact on
34 the people of the 34th Assembly District and throughout
35 the state, and he will be sorely missed by those individuals
36 with whom he has been associated; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,*
38 That the Members take great pride in honoring Assembly
39 Member Keith Olberg for his outstanding service to the
40 people of the 34th Assembly District and the people of



1 California during his tenure as a Member of the California
2 Assembly, and extend to him heartiest best wishes for
3 happiness and success in his future endeavors.
4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
5 transmit a suitably prepared copy of this resolution to the
6 Honorable Keith Olberg.

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